

§ 1180.70

Support assistance, except as otherwise provided in these regulations.

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Subpart D—Museum Assessment

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§ 1180.70 Purpose of program.

The Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services makes grants under this subpart to assist museums in carrying out institutional assessments. The grants enable museums to obtain technical assistance in order to evaluate their programs and operations by generally accepted professional standards. The Director may make grants for separate categories of assessment activities and establish conditions for receipt of assistance for such separate categories. Such categories may include assessment activities relating to—

- (a) General operations;
- (b) Collections;
- (c) Museum security, and
- (d) Other aspects of museum services, as specified by the Board.

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§ 1180.71 Eligibility.

(a) A museum as defined in § 1180.3 may apply for assessment assistance under this subpart.

(b) A museum which receives a grant for assessment assistance under this subpart for a fiscal year may not receive another grant for the same category of assessment assistance in the same or a subsequent fiscal year.

§ 1180.72 Allowable costs.

A museum may use a grant under this subpart for expenses of institutional assessment, such as registration fees, surveyor honorariums, travel and other expense of a surveyor, and technical assistance materials.

§ 1180.73 Form of assistance; limitation on amount.

(a) The Director makes payments to a museum under this subpart in advance.

(b) The amount of a grant to a museum under this subpart will be deter-

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mined by the Director, in accordance with the policy direction of the Board regarding the maximum amount of a grant to be awarded for the various categories of assistance under this subpart and in consultation with the appropriate professional organization arranging for the assessment in question.

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§ 1180.74 Conditions of participation.

The Director considers an application by a museum on a form supplied by IMLS for a grant under this subpart for assessment assistance only if:

(a) The museum requests assessment from an appropriate professional organization as defined in this section, and

(b) That organization notifies IMLS that the request for the assessment assistance is complete and that the museum is eligible to participate. An appropriate professional organization for purposes of this subpart means: (1) The American Association of Museums or (2) other professional organizations that are determined to be capable of arranging for a program of assessment services for a category of museums and are so designated by notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 1180.75 Funding and award procedures.

(a) The Director approves applications meeting the requirements of this subpart on first-come, first-served basis, in the order in which it is determined by IMLS that such requirements (including all application requirements) have been met.

(b) There are no selection criteria.

(c) Section 1180.16 (IMLS share of the cost of a proposal) does not apply to grants under this subpart.

(d) A museum receiving assistance under this subpart must submit a final financial and narrative report that evaluates the success of the assessment and actions taken by the museum as a result of the assessment. IMLS may request that the report be submitted up to 12 months after the close of the grant period.

(e)(1) Except as provided in § 1180.71 and paragraph (e)(2) of this section subparts A, B, and C of part 1180 of title 45

CFR do not apply to the Museum Assessment Program.

(2) The following sections do apply to the Museum Assessment Program: Sections 1180.5(a); 1180.5(c); 1180.5(d); 1180.5(e); 1180.15; 1180.44; 1180.47; and 1180.51–1180.57.

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§ 1180.76 Responsibility of a museum.

Except in unusual circumstances, a museum which receives a grant under this subpart must take the steps normally expected of it to complete the assessment process for which it has received assistance. Section 1180.13(i) (a criterion for evaluation of general operating support applications) applies to the use of funds under this subpart.

Subpart E—Assistance To Professional Museum Organizations

§ 1180.77 Contracts and cooperative agreements with professional museum organizations.

(a) *Scope.* The guidelines and standards in this section apply to all aspects of the Institute's program to provide financial assistance, through contracts and cooperative agreements, to professional museum organizations for the carrying out of certain projects pursuant to section 206(b) of the Act.

(b) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this subpart, the term *professional museum organization* means a private, non-profit professional museum services-related organization, institution, or association which engages in activities designed to advance the well-being of museums eligible for assistance under this part and the museum profession through such activities as technical assistance, dissemination of information, professional development activities, and professional services.

(c) *Applicability of other regulations.* The following IMLS regulations apply to assistance under this subpart:

(1) Section 1180.3; § 1180.4; and § 1180.5(e) of subpart A and

(2) Sections 1180.30–1180.33 and §§ 1180.36–1180.39 of subpart B; and

(3) Section 1180.44, § 1180.46 and §§ 1180.51–1180.59 of subpart C.

(d) *Applicants.* (1) A professional museum organization may apply for as-

sistance through a contract or cooperative agreement under this subpart.

(2) A professional museum organization that serves museums or museum professionals at the national, regional, state, or local level may apply.

(3) An entity eligible for assistance under other subparts of this part 1180 may not apply.

(e) *Types of projects.* The Institute considers applications under this subpart to carry out projects designed to strengthen museum services such as:

(1) Programs to educate professionals in improved or innovative standards of museum operations or other matters relating to museum management;

(2) Research or surveys to determine effective and innovative methods to provide museum services or conduct operations;

(3) Projects to investigate the feasibility of cooperative methods for the carrying out by museums of management, storage, and information gathering and sharing, or other museum functions; or

(4) Research projects to help museums and museum associations serve their publics more effectively.

(f) *Limitation.* No financial assistance may be provided under this subpart to pay for the operational expenses of any professional museum organization.

(g) *Amount of contract or cooperative agreement.* The amount of contracts or cooperative agreements shall be subject to the availability of appropriations. Guidance on probable award ranges will be provided with application materials each year.

(h) *Matching.* A contract or cooperative agreement under this subpart for any fiscal year may not normally exceed 50 per centum of the cost of the project for which the contract or cooperative agreement is made. In exceptional circumstances applicable to a particular applicant, the Director, upon consultation with the Board, may waive this requirement pursuant to section 206(c) of the Act.

(i) *Application requirements.* (1) An applicant under this subpart must submit an application in such time and such manner, and containing such information, as requested by the Institute.

(2) An applicant must submit with its application its financial statements for